

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of June 16, 2009 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 4 is amended to specify that the controller is mounted on a printed circuit board that is positioned on the carrier, where the controller is connected to a plurality of the printhead chips via a flexible printed circuit board and is configured to control operation of at least 10,000 nozzle arrangements of the connected printhead chips. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 4, line 26-page 5, line 14 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 7-13 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 4, and claims 7-13 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Matsumoto in view of Ishinaga, because each heating resistor has a respective driver circuit (see col. 7, lines 38-31 and 41-45) and Ishinaga specifically discloses that the CPU 4 is integrated on the heater board 100, such that no combination of Matsumoto and Ishinaga would result in the arrangement of the claimed invention..

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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